

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-14, and 19 are pending. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended and claims 5 and 15-18 have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced in the amended claims.

Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bertin et al. (5,798,282).

Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Carlson (6,861,865).

As amended, all the pending claims of the subject application comply with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, Applicant requests examination and allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 and 6-12

Claims 5-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 was originally dependent on claim 1.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations originally presented in claim 5. Therefore, claim 1 is in a condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner.

Claims 2-4 and 6-12, which depend from claim 1, are in a condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner.

Claims 13-14

Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the limitations originally presented in claim 5. Therefore, claim 13 and claim 14, which depends from claim 13, are in a condition for allowance.

Claim 19


Claim 19 was allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400, extension 5518.

Respectfully submitted,


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